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T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 372

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It is hereby notified to the Public that the MILITARY AUTHORITIES are about to lay a MINE FIELD on the Hongkong side of the LY-E-MUN Pass, for the purpose of making experiments. The Field will be marked by Two Buoys moored in the centre of the Pass; and to prevent fouling the MINE CASES and MOORINGS, Masters of Vessels navigating the Channel are directed to keep on the North-East or Chinese side of the said Buoys.

Guard Boats will be stationed to warn Shipmasters previous to laying the Mines.

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## WILLIAM DOLAN,

### SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,

### 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

### COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,

### MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM,

### LIFE BUOYS,

### CORE JACKETS,

### &c., &c., &c.

### H. glong, May 1, 1883. 256

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

### THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of

### £10 Sterling per Share on the 20,000

### SHARES, NEW ISSUE of the Corporation,

### will fall due on the 1ST DECEMBER CURRENT,

### in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and

### Hongkong.

### REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to

### NEW SHARES are requested to pay at

### the respective OFFICES, the above Call or its

### equivalent in the Currency of the above

### mentioned places.

### HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are

### requested to pay the above Call, will please send same to

### this Office to be endorsed.

### The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is

### fixed at 5/- 8d. or 95.93 per Share.

### INTEREST at the Rate of 7 per cent per annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the

### 1ST DECEMBER.

### By Order of the Court of Directors,

### T. JACKSON,

### Chief Manager.

### Hongkong, December 13, 1883. 1121

### SAILOR'S HOME.

### A NY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or

### PAPERS will be thankfully received

### at the Sailor's Home, West Street.

### Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## Intimations.



### NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified to the Public, that the STATION PRACTICE will be Carried on, on the 20th INSTANT, at about 10.30 a.m., from the 7 GUNS mounted at North Point, Hongkong.

SIX ROUNDS of Double Case will be Fired.

H. G. THOMSETT,

Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,

Hongkong, February 27, 1884. 302

NOTICE.

THE Annual General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on FRIDAY, the 20th Instant, at 3.30 p.m., at the CITY HALL.

By Order,

E. GEORGE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, February 19, 1884. 318

NOTICE.

THE WELL-KNOWN GERMAN STEAMER "CHINA" will run between this and Canton as a NIGHT-BOAT, leaving HONGKONG and CANTON, respectively, every other day at 5.30 p.m., beginning on SUNDAY, the 2nd of March.

Special Conditions are granted to large Ships.

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THE AGENTS:

Messrs. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Canton;

Messrs. HING LEE & Co., Hongkong;

or to CAPTAIN ON BOARD.

Hongkong, February 27, 1884. 360

HONGKONG ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

NOTICE.

A General MEETING of MEMBERS of the above will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 5th March, at the INSTITUTE ROOMS, at 8.15 p.m.

JAMES K. REBECK,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 320

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ADJUSTMENT of BONUS for the YEAR 1883.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE

are requested to furnish the Under-

signed with a List of CONTRIBUTIONS for

the year ending 31st December, 1883, in

Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONUS

will be arranged. Returns not rendered

prior to the 20th March next will be ad-

justed by the OFFICE, and no Claims or

Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

CAPITAL, \$500,000, IN SHARES of \$100 EACH; \$5 PAYABLE ON APPLICATION; \$20 on ALLOTMENT; THE REMAINDER AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

Director.

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HON. W. G. GULLAND, M.L.C., (Messrs. PATTERSON, SIMON & Co.)

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JOHN R. CUTHERSTON, Esq., (Messrs. BOYD & Co.)

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(OPPOSITE THE COMMINHARIAT),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA.  
**CALIFORNIA  
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COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL  
CORNMEAL

TOPCAN BUTTER.  
Apple BUTTER.  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
CODFISH, Boneless.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb bags.  
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.  
Assorted CANDY and VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sauces.  
MINCE.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Robin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.  
Lamb's TONGUES.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCOTASH.  
Maple SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
LOBSTERS.  
OYSTERS.  
HONEY.  
Assorted JELLIES.  
Green CORN.

## FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb.  
900 lb.  
1,200 lb.

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
AXES and HATCHETS.  
AGATE IRON WARE.  
WAFFLE IRONS.  
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**DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,**  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
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A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O R E S,  
including:  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
MINCEMEAT.  
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Crystallized FRUITS.  
TEYSSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
Pudding RAISINS.  
Lante CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.  
BROWN.  
INFANT'S FOOD.  
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**SPARTAN  
COOKING STOVES.**

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.  
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—  
CHATEAU MARGAUX,  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.  
LAMB'S GRAVES,  
" BREAKFAST CLARET," "

SHERRIES & PORT—  
SACOMY'S MANZANILLA & AMON-  
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SACOMY'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).  
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BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—  
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
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FIRST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
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E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.  
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ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and ORANGE  
BITTERS.  
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BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMPION and  
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GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

**C I G A R S.**

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 catty Boxes.  
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, CASH and PAPER  
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1043

## To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE Steamer *WHITE CLOUD* will  
leave for MACAO at 4 p.m. on  
SATURDAY NEXT, returning from MACAO  
MONDAY, at 7 a.m., instead of the  
usual hours.

Passes.—First-Class Return.....\$3.00

Second-Class Return.....\$1.50

By Order,

T. ARNOLD,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 375

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamer "Essential,"

Capt. HUTCHINSON, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on SATURDAY, 1st March, at 5 p.m.

Manila Cargo will not be received after

7 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,  
General Managers.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamer "Nestor,"

Capt. PITMAN, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on SUNDAY, the 2nd March, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 361

## UNION LINE.

## FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "Suezia,"

Captain FOWLER, will be

despatched for the above

Port on or about SATURDAY, 8th March,

instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.

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FOR SWATOW, TAIWAN-FOO, CHE-  
FOO and NEWCHANGWAN.

The Steamship "Casandra,"

Capt. LINDEMANS, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on or about the 8th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,  
Agents.

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FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND  
ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENS-  
LAND PORTS, and taking through  
Vans to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALE-  
DONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

The Eastern and Au-  
stralian Steamship Co.'s  
Steamer "Meridian"

will be despatched for the above

SATURDAY, the 16th March.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our  
Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. on

the 14th March.

Contents and value of Packages must

be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.

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## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 14th day of March, 1884, on the  
Premises.

By ORDER of the MORTGAGEE,  
and consent of EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD,  
Esq., Official Assignee of  
Tin-Tsz-Hu, Bankrupt—

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF  
G R C U N D.

Being a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 87,  
measuring on the North 334 feet, South  
334 feet, East 39 feet, and West 39 feet,  
and said Piece or Parcel of GROUND is

registered in the Land Office in Section  
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with the TWO HOUSES on QUEEN'S  
Road West, Nos. 15 and 17; held for  
the term of 99 years. Yearly Crown  
Rent, \$4.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale,  
apply to

STEPHENS AND HOLMES,  
Solicitors for the Mortgagor;

or to

J. M. QUEDES,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 370

## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

FEB. 28, 1884.

Stocks Nos. of  
Shares. Value Paid  
up. Reserve Working  
Account. Last  
Dividends. Quotations. Cash

BANKS.....

HK. and Shai-  
Bank.....

.....125 S 125 S \$1,198,330 S

52,509.42 £2

160% \$325

INVESTMENTS.....

HK. China Ins. 5,000 £ 200 £ 50

Yangtze Ins. 8,000 £ 25 £ 25

Union Ins. Co. 2,000 S 1,250 S 125 S

500,000 \$\*76,301.00

China Traders' Insurances 24,000 S 83,333 S 25 S

Coton Ins. Office 10,000 S 230 S 50

Chinese Ins. Co. 1,000 S 200 S 100 S

HK. Fire Ins. 8,000 S 230 S 50 S

China Fire Ins. 20,000 S 100 S 20 S

181,000 S 250,732.56 S

80,000 \$ 106,360.49 S

80,000 \$ 83,000 \$

184 ex div.

STEAM SHIPS.....

HK. C. and M.  
Steamboat.....

Indo-China S. Nav. Co. ....10,000 £ 10 S

12,000 £ 10 S

China & Manu. S. S. Coy., Lt. 3,500 \$100 all

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MOBILES.....

HK. & Wh'po' Dock.....

Gas Co. ....5,000 £ 10 £ 7,768,14.8 £

1,144,18.9 £

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H'kong Hotel.....

China Sugar Co. 9,000 S 100 S 100 S

5,895,56 S

87,067.06 S

182 S

HK'ong Bakery 600 S 50 S 50 S

4,000 S 253.45 \$

\$85 "

HK'ong Tin Mining & Smelting  
Company.....

3,000 S 50 all

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you during the present session will be the following:

- (1) To regulate weights and measures.
- (2) To consolidate and amend the ordinances relating to opium.
- (3) To establish a savings bank.
- (4) To consolidate and amend the laws relating to Stamp Duties.
- (5) To provide for the Registration of Medical Practitioners.
- (6) To regulate Prisons and Prison Discipline.
- (7) To amend the Dangerous Goods' Ordinance, 1873.
- (8) To amend the Preservation of Birds' Ordinance, 1870.
- (9) To amend certain Ordinances relating to Criminal Procedure.
- (10) To amend the law relating to the Punishment of criminals.
- (11) To amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance of 1884.
- (12) To regulate the Post Office and Postal Service.
- (13) To amend Ordinance No. 10 of 1887.
- (14) To provide for the more effectual protection of Chinese female children.

10. The report of the Commission on Smuggling; and an able and exhaustive memorandum by Mr Justice Russell on the so-called Blockade of Hongkong by Chinese Revenue Cruisers are recommended to your attention. I have discussed this important question with the present British Minister at Peking, who will, I am confident, lend his aid towards carrying out an equitable settlement.

11. Turning to the vital subject of the Public Health, I am glad to inform you that the recent organisation of a Government Sanitary Board under Ordinance No. 7 of 1883, and the promulgation of new Rules and Regulations under that Ordinance, together with the introduction of improved contracts for the removal and disposal of waste products, have been followed by a marked improvement in the practical sanitation of the Colony. Much however remains to be done, both in respect of legislation and of structural sanitary work; but I am confident that the necessary reforms and improvements will in due course be effected by the zeal and ability of the officers to whom this branch of the Public Service has been entrusted, and by the cheerful acquiescence of the classes of our population in such measures and restrictions for the safety of the Public Health as may, with your assistance, become law. In this connection, Bills are in course of preparation to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the Public Health; to amend the Building Ordinance No. 8 of 1886; to regulate the Water supply, and to prevent waste. Owing however to the large and comprehensive nature of these Bills, no less than to the probable necessity of referring certain technical points to scientific authorities in England, it is possible that there may not be time for their full consideration during the present session. In this event, they will form the subject of your first deliberations in the next session. In the meantime, however, the carrying out of such works as were deemed of immediate importance to the Public Health has been sanctioned. These works, which are the extension and improvement of the existing system of sewers in this city; the construction of a new Central Market; the erection of a permanent Lazaretto on Stone Cutters Island; the systematic dredging of the notorious foreshore along the Praya by means of steam machinery; and the general Sanitation of the villages in the Colony.

12. In connection with Sanitary Reform, the serious question of increased house accommodation for the population of Victoria is now engaging the attention of my Government. While every succeeding census has revealed a great increase in the population, there has not been a corresponding increase in the number of human habitations. Overcrowding in the worst form has consequently been the result, and the prevention of this evil will be dealt with in the proposed new Public Health Ordinance. As far as the true remedy is to be found, chiefly in the extension of accommodation for the labouring classes, it will be necessary to expand the City in a westerly direction as well as towards the East; and to create fresh building sites available for new tenements. Estimates will, therefore, be presented to you for certain additional works of reclamation; for the formation of new suburbs, and for the laying out of new streets in the Districts of Belcher's Bay and Causeway Bay.

13. As the hitherto existing system by which purchasers of Crown leases have been able to evade their building obligations has led to a considerable area of land in and near the City remaining vacant, directions have been given that, in the future, no purchaser of a Crown allotment shall receive his lease until he shall have complied with the conditions of the Sale, and expended the specified sum upon proper tenements. Moreover, in the villages of the Colony, the system of tenancies-at-will, licensed leases, and squatters, which tenures were to be placed upon one month's notice, will be superseded by an improved system of small and inexpensive building leases for seven-year periods. The inhabitants will thus gain security for the investment of their money in suitable houses which was otherwise wanting under their present Squatters' License, by which they were liable to eviction upon one month's notice. These measures will, it is expected, tend to stimulate the further erection of proper dwellings, and to relieve the present overcrowded condition of several quarters of the City.

14. On sanitary and other grounds I have come to the conclusion that the drainage of the marshy lands situated within the Race-Course in the Wong nei Chung Valley is as much a work of necessity as the reclamation of Causeway Bay. A plan will, therefore, be laid before you for the drainage of these meadows and for their conversion into a Public Park.

15. Referring to other important undertakings which have received legislative sanction, I am glad to inform you that the Break-water at Causeway Bay, intended to form a harbour of refuge for the boat population during typhoons, has been satisfactorily completed within the amount originally estimated; that the Tsim-tan Water-works are steadily progressing; as is also the extension of the Government Hospital; together with the new Lunatic Asylum; and that the erection of the new Central School will be commenced forthwith. The new Meteorological Observatory has been finished; and will, it is expected, prove of practical value to the maritime interests of commerce.

16. I have pressed on the Imperial Government the importance, on Sanitary and other grounds, of that urgently needed improvement, the connection of the Eastern and Western portions of Victoria, by means of a continuous marine embankment along the sea-frontage of the Military Cantonment and the Royal Naval Yard. I hope to be able to long to announce a favorable decision.

17. With regard to the vital question of Public Instruction, the Report of the Inspector of Schools for 1883 will be laid before you. I have myself visited on several

occasions, among the other Public Establishments, the chief Educational Institutions in this Island. Their condition is generally unsatisfactory. The new Central School, or Victoria College, is much needed, and will provide accommodation for at least seven hundred students.

18. In connection with this subject, the Government proposes, with your concurrence to follow the precedent of other Colonies by sending to the Government which will be submitted to you, two of the most promising students of our chief Colleges, selected by competitive examination, to complete their professional education in England, especially in Law, Medicine, and Civil Engineering.

19. These minor posts in the Public Service which are at the disposal of the Governor, were wisely thrown open by my predecessor to competitive examination, with our usual strictures on credit. A much needed stimulus has thus been given to general Education, while the Government will secure a constant supply of eligible candidates for the several Departments.

20. A Report will be laid before you showing the considerable progress already made in the afforestation of this Colony. I have directed the introduction of several thousand plants of the Australian *Eucalyptus*, a tree which furnishes valuable timber, and also exerts a marked sanitary influence, as experience in many tropical and semi-tropical countries has amply proved.

21. You will perceive from papers on the table that it has been necessary to procure a new supply of arms for the Police; for the care of which, and for the proper drill and instruction of the corps you have already made provision.

22. The Imperial Government, on my recommendation, has presented a full equipment of guns and rifles to the Hongkong Volunteers' Artillery; which body, it is hoped, will furnish a valuable addition to the numerical strength of the garrison.

23. I have represented to the Imperial Government, in strong terms the necessity of completing the Fortification of this important Naval and Military Station and Mart of Commerce. Without referring to the value of the other and manifold interests, both Imperial and Colonial, which are at stake, I may remind you that Official Statistics show that the tonnage of the shipping entered at the Port of Hongkong in the year 1883 exceeded five millions of tons; that is, it exceeded the tonnage of the Mart of the Year 1882, which the Bank have a shipment of tonnage. The loss will, it is estimated about represent the amount the tonnage entered at the Port of London in 1843, the year in which Hongkong was annexed to the British Crown, at a period when this island was little more than a barren rock, uninhabited save by a few Chinese pirates and phenomena.

24. I have, Honorable gentlemen, referred to the principal subjects which will be submitted for your consideration during the present Session. Governors and Legislatures should speak by their actions, and it is my confident hope that our united efforts will, by the blessing of Divine Providence, promote the general welfare and prosperity of all races and classes in this Colony.

The Governor then left the Council Chamber, the national anthem again being played.

The Colonial Secretary moved that a Committee consisting of himself, the Attorney General, Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. P. Ryrie, and the Hon. F. B. Johnson, be appointed to draw up a reply to the Governor's address.

The motion was carried.

The Colonial Secretary then laid certain papers on the table.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary the Council then adjourned until 6 p.m. to enable the reply to the address to be prepared.

The Council reassembled at 5 p.m., the Chief Justice presiding.

Mr Ryrie in moving the reply to the address said that any one who had heard the address must feel convinced that His Excellency they had a Governor who had the best interests of the Colony at heart.

Mr Sasecon seconded the motion of the Colonial Secretary, and the motion was carried.

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The Hon. F. B. Johnson:—Gentlemen, I have great pleasure in proposing that the Directors who retire by rotation, Messrs Dakrymple, F. D. Sassoon and MacEwan, be re-elected as Directors for the ensuing year.

Mr. C. P. Chater:—I have great pleasure in seconding that proposition.

Carried unanimously.

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